

THE FULL STORY: "OPPOSITE DAY! When Opposition Becomes Opportunity"

Matthew 5:38-48, Pastor Logan Beardsley

KINGDOM DEFINED:

"The reign of the King in the realm of the zeros."

KINGDOM DISPLAYED:

"In the Kingdom of God every day is opposite day: (vs. 38)

Your opposition is not an obstacle. It's an opportunity!"

Feeling _____? --> "Turn the other cheek!" (vs. 39)

Feeling _____? --> "Give him your coat!" (vs. 40)

Feeling _____? --> "Go the extra mile!" (vs. 41)

Want to _____? --> "Give to the one who begs." (vs. 42)

Feeling _____? --> "Turn your eyes upon Jesus!" (vs. 43-48)

KINGDOM DEPLOYED:

Who is Jesus telling you to love this week? (1 Cor 13:4-7)

Answer Key: abused, accused, used, refused, confused

THE FULL STORY: Matthew 6

1. Share a funny (or not so funny) time when anxiety got the best of you & how you reacted.
2. Share what was encouraging from Pastor Logan's talk or the Reading Plan?
3. Read Matthew 6:25-29. How do these example of God's provision encourage you?
 - What does "life is more than food" & "body more than clothing" mean, in your own words?
 - Jesus spoke about the needs of His day. What worries you today?
 - Everybody worries. How do we let our anxieties overshadow our God?
4. Read Matthew 6:30-33. These are challenging words from Jesus. In the midst of our anxieties, how should we respond? Explain.
 - How are Jesus' words in these verses a comfort as well?
 - In what ways does anxiety keep us from living the way God intended?
 - How do you think Jesus would respond to a person with anxiety? How should we?
5. Matthew 6:33 says to seek first His Kingdom & righteousness. Is this a one time choice or a process over a lifetime? Why do you think so?
 - Seeking His Kingdom & righteousness means to live under His will & ways. How does this help free us from anxious living?
 - In your life, how has seeking God (His Kingdom) been an antidote to anxiety?
 - Share what seeking the Kingdom looks like to you? (Explain how you surrender to God's will and ways.)
6. Read these verses and share the main theme with regard to anxiety.
 - Isaiah 41:8-10
 - Philippians 4:6-7
 - 1 Peter 5:7
7. Write out one truth from this study that helped you. Are you willing to share it? Maybe your insight will help others!

Pray for each other!